

United States District Court  
Central District of California

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA vs.

Docket No. CR 23-00272-SPG-1

Defendant Victor Saldana Franco

Social Security No. 7 1 7 5

akas: None

(Last 4 digits)

JUDGMENT AND PROBATION/COMMITMENT ORDER

In the presence of the attorney for the government, the defendant appeared in person on this date.

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
2	7	2024

COUNSEL

William Kroger, Ret.

(Name of Counsel)

PLEA



GUILTY, and the court being satisfied that there is a factual basis for the plea.



NOLO  
CONTENDERE



NOT  
GUILTY

FINDING

There being a finding/verdict of **GUILTY**, defendant has been convicted as charged of the offense(s) of:

COUNT 2: Possession of Child Pornography 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B), (b)(2)

JUDGMENT  
AND PROB/  
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ORDER

The Court asked whether there was any reason why judgment should not be pronounced. Because no sufficient cause to the contrary was shown, or appeared to the Court, the Court adjudged the defendant guilty as charged and convicted and ordered that: Pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, it is the judgment of the Court that the defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of: **42 MONTHS**

It is ordered that the defendant shall pay to the United States a special assessment of \$100, which is due immediately. Any unpaid balance shall be due during the period of imprisonment, at the rate of not less than \$25 per quarter, and pursuant to the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program.

In accordance with the parties stipulation, it is ordered that the defendant shall pay restitution in the total amount of \$27,000 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2259.

The amount of restitution ordered shall be paid in accordance with the parties' stipulation, which is incorporated into the Court's pronouncement of sentence and judgment, as follows:

<u>Victim</u>	<u>Amount of Loss</u>
"April"	\$3,000 (Aprilblonde series)
"Maria"	\$3,000 (Best Necklace series)
"Lily"	\$3,000 (H.G.1 series)
"Jenny"	\$3,000 (Jenny series)
"Dipper"	\$3,000 (Jester series)
"Sarah"	\$3,000 (Marineland series)
"Jessy"	\$3,000 (Surfer Hair series)
"Pia"	\$3,000 (Sweet White Sugar series)
"Lily"	\$3,000 (Vicky Series)

In accordance with the parties' stipulation, a \$1,000 payment must be paid within 21 days of the court issuing the order of restitution. An additional \$25 payment must be paid by the fifth day of each subsequent calendar month until the full restitution amount has been paid. This schedule of payment applies during the term of imprisonment and is based on Mr. Franco's representation about his financial situation.

If Mr. Franco has a material change in economic circumstances that might affect his ability to pay restitution, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. §§ 3572(d)(3), 3664(k), or his financial situation is different than represented, this schedule of \$25 monthly payments for the term of imprisonment is the minimum payment obligation and does not preclude the United States Attorney's Office from pursuing all other means by which to satisfy criminal debt obligations imposed by the Court, including referring the judgment debt to the Treasury Offset Program.

If any amount of the restitution remains unpaid after release from custody, monthly installments of at least \$250 shall be made during the period of supervised release. These payments shall begin 90 days after the commencement of supervision and shall continue until such supervision terminates.

All restitution payments must be in the form of a certified check, business check, or money order (no personal checks).

All restitution payments must be made payable to "Clerk, U.S. District Court," and identify the case name and number on the "memo" line; no payment shall be made directly to a victim. All payments shall be delivered to:

United States District Court  
Fiscal Department  
255 East Temple Street, Room 1100  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The remainder of the requirements for restitution are as set forth in the Court's order regarding restitution and again are incorporated into the pronouncement of sentence and the judgment.

The defendant shall comply with Second Amended General Order No. 20-04.

It is ordered that the defendant shall pay to the United States an assessment of \$5,000 pursuant to the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015. This assessment shall be paid in full immediately.

The Court has found that the property identified in the preliminary order of forfeiture is subject to forfeiture. The preliminary order is incorporated by reference into this judgment and is final.

Pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, it is the judgment of the Court that the defendant, Victor Saldana Franco, is hereby committed on Count 2 of the Indictment to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for a term of 42 months.

The Court recommends that the Bureau of Prisons conduct a mental health evaluation of the defendant and provide all necessary treatment.

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be placed on supervised release for a term of 10 years under the following terms and conditions:

1. The defendant shall comply with the rules and regulations of the United States Probation & Pretrial Services Office and Second Amended General Order 20-04.
2. During the period of community supervision, the defendant shall pay the special assessment and restitution in accordance with this judgment's orders pertaining to such payment.
3. The defendant shall not obtain or possess any driver's license, Social Security number, birth certificate, passport, or any other form of identification in any name, other than the defendant's true legal name, nor

shall the defendant use, any name other than the defendant's true legal name without the prior written approval of the Probation Officer.

4. The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of a DNA sample from the defendant.
5. The defendant shall apply all monies received from income tax refunds, lottery winnings, inheritance, judgment

#### **Sex Offender and Stipulated Conditions**

6. The defendant shall possess and use only those digital devices, screen usernames, email accounts, social media accounts, messaging applications, and cloud storage accounts, as well as any passwords or passcodes for all such digital devices and accounts, that have been disclosed to the Probation Officer upon commencement of supervision. Any new devices, accounts, applications, passwords, or passcodes are to be disclosed to the Probation Officer prior to the first use. A digital device is any electronic system or device that can access, view, obtain, store, or transmit visual depictions of sexually explicit conduct involving children.
7. All computers, computer-related devices, and their peripheral equipment, used by the defendant shall be subject to search, seizure, and computer monitoring. This shall not apply to items used at the employment site that are maintained and monitored by the employer.
8. The defendant shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Computer Monitoring Program. The defendant shall pay the cost of the Computer Monitoring Program.
9. Within three (3) days of release from prison, the defendant shall register as a sex offender, and keep the registration current, in each jurisdiction where the defendant resides, is employed and is a student, pursuant to the registration procedures that have been established in each jurisdiction. When registering for the first time, the defendant shall also register in the jurisdiction in which the conviction occurred if different from the defendant's jurisdiction of residence. The defendant shall provide proof of registration to the Probation Officer within 48 hours of registration.
10. The defendant shall participate in a psychological counseling or psychiatric treatment or a sex offender treatment program, or any combination thereof as approved and directed by the Probation Officer. The defendant shall abide by all rules, requirements, and conditions of such program, including submission to risk assessment evaluations and physiological testing, such as polygraph and Abel testing. The defendant retains the right to invoke the Fifth Amendment. The Court authorizes the Probation Officer to disclose the Presentence Report, and any previous mental health evaluations or reports, to the treatment provider. The treatment provider may provide information (excluding the Presentence report), to State or local social service agencies (such as the State of California, Department of Social Service), for the purpose of the client's rehabilitation.
11. As directed by the Probation Officer, the defendant shall pay all or part of the costs of psychological counseling or psychiatric treatment, or a sex offender treatment program, or any combination thereof to the aftercare contractor during the period of community supervision. The defendant shall provide payment and proof of payment as directed by the Probation Officer. If the defendant has no ability to pay, no payment shall be required.

12. The defendant shall not view or possess any materials, including pictures, photographs, books, writings, drawings, videos, or video games, depicting or describing child pornography, as defined in 18 U.S.C. §2256(8), or sexually explicit conduct depicting minors, as defined at 18 U.S.C. §2256(2). This condition does not prohibit the defendant from possessing materials solely because they are necessary to, and used for, a collateral attack, nor does it prohibit the defendant from possessing materials prepared and used for the purposes of the defendant's Court-mandated sex offender treatment when the defendant's treatment provider or the probation officer has approved of the defendant's possession of the material in advance.
13. The defendant shall not own, use or have access to the services of any commercial mail-receiving agency, nor shall the defendant open or maintain a post office box, without the prior written approval of the Probation Officer.
14. The defendant shall not enter, or loiter, within 100 feet of school yards, parks, public swimming pools, playgrounds, youth centers, video arcade facilities, amusement and theme parks, or other places primarily used by persons under the age of 18, without the prior written authorization of the probation officer.
15. The defendant shall not associate or have verbal, written, telephonic, or electronic communication with any person under the age of 18, except: (a) in the presence of the parent or legal guardian of said minor; and (b) on the condition that the defendant notify said parent or legal guardian of the defendant's conviction in the instant offense/prior offense. This provision does not encompass persons under the age of 18, such as waiters, cashiers, ticket vendors, etc., whom the defendant must interact with in order to obtain ordinary and usual commercial services.
16. The defendant shall not affiliate with, own, control, volunteer or be employed in any capacity by a business or organization that causes the defendant to regularly contact persons under the age of 18.
17. The defendant shall not affiliate with, own, control, volunteer or be employed in any capacity by a business whose principal product is the production or selling of materials depicting or describing "sexually explicit conduct," as defined at 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2).
18. The defendant's employment shall be approved by the Probation Officer, and any change in employment must be pre-approved by the Probation Officer. The defendant shall submit the name and address of the proposed employer to the Probation Officer at least ten (10) days prior to any scheduled change.
19. Defendant shall not reside within direct view of school yards, parks, public swimming pools, playgrounds, youth centers, video arcade facilities, or other places primarily used by persons under the age of 18. Defendant's residence shall be approved by the Probation Officer, and any change in residence must be pre-approved by the Probation Officer. Defendant shall submit the address of the proposed residence to the Probation Officer at least ten days prior to any scheduled move.
20. The defendant shall submit to a search, at any time, with or without warrant, and by any law enforcement or probation officer, of the defendant's person and any property, house, residence, vehicle, papers, computers, cell phones, other electronic communication or data storage devices or media, email accounts, social media accounts, cloud storage accounts, effects and other areas under the defendant's control, upon reasonable suspicion concerning a violation of a condition of supervision or unlawful conduct by the defendant, or by any probation officer in the lawful discharge of the officer's supervision functions.
21. The defendant shall not view or possess any materials, including pictures, photographs, books, writings, drawings, videos, or video games, depicting or describing child erotica, which is defined as a person under

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the age of 18 in partial or complete state of nudity, in sexually provocative poses, viewed for the purpose of sexual arousal.

The drug testing condition mandated by statute is suspended based on the Court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse.

Immediately following sentencing, the defendant shall report directly to the Probation & Pretrial Services Office for instructions regarding sex-offender registration requirements.

The Court authorizes the Probation Officer to disclose the Presentence Report, and any previous mental health evaluations or reports, to the treatment provider. The treatment provider may provide information (excluding the Presentence report), to State or local social service agencies (such as the State of California, Department of Social Service), for the purpose of the client's rehabilitation.

It is further ordered that the defendant surrender himself to the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons at or before 12 noon April 8, 2024. In the absence of such designation, the defendant shall report on or before the same date and time, to the United States Marshal located at the First Street U.S. Courthouse 350 W. First Street, Suite 3001, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Defendant informed of his right to appeal.

The Court recommends to the Bureau of Prisons that defendant be placed at Terminal Island FCI in California.

On the Government's motion, to dismiss count one of the underlying Indictment, it is so ordered dismissed.

Bond is exonerated upon surrender.

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In addition to the special conditions of supervision imposed above, it is hereby ordered that the Standard Conditions of Probation and Supervised Release within this judgment be imposed. The Court may change the conditions of supervision, reduce or extend the period of supervision, and at any time during the supervision period or within the maximum period permitted by law, may issue a warrant and revoke supervision for a violation occurring during the supervision period.

February 8, 2024

Date



U. S. District Judge

It is ordered that the Clerk deliver a copy of this Judgment and Probation/Commitment Order to the U.S. Marshal or other qualified officer.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

February 8, 2024

Filed Date

By



Deputy Clerk

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court (set forth below).

#### STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND SUPERVISED RELEASE

While the defendant is on probation or supervised release pursuant to this judgment:

1. The defendant must not commit another federal, state, or local crime;
2. The defendant must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district of residence within 72 hours of imposition of a sentence of probation or release from imprisonment, unless otherwise directed by the probation officer;
3. The defendant must report to the probation office as instructed by the court or probation officer;
4. The defendant must not knowingly leave the judicial district without first receiving the permission of the court or probation officer;
5. The defendant must answer truthfully the inquiries of the probation officer, unless legitimately asserting his or her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination as to new criminal conduct;
6. The defendant must reside at a location approved by the probation officer and must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before any anticipated change or within 72 hours of an unanticipated change in residence or persons living in defendant's residence;
7. The defendant must permit the probation officer to contact him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and must permit confiscation of any contraband prohibited by law or the terms of supervision and observed in plain view by the probation officer;
8. The defendant must work at a lawful occupation unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons and must notify the probation officer at least ten days before any change in employment or within 72 hours of an unanticipated change;
9. The defendant must not knowingly associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and must not knowingly associate with any person convicted of a felony unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer. This condition will not apply to intimate family members, unless the court has completed an individualized review and has determined that the restriction is necessary for protection of the community or rehabilitation;
10. The defendant must refrain from excessive use of alcohol and must not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any narcotic or other controlled substance, or any paraphernalia related to such substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
11. The defendant must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
12. For felony cases, the defendant must not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon;
13. The defendant must not act or enter into any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as an informant or source without the permission of the court;
14. The defendant must follow the instructions of the probation officer to implement the orders of the court, afford adequate deterrence from criminal conduct, protect the public from further crimes of the defendant; and provide the defendant with needed educational or vocational training, medical care, or other correctional treatment in the most effective manner.



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☐ The defendant must also comply with the following special conditions (set forth below).

#### **STATUTORY PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF FINANCIAL SANCTIONS**

The defendant must pay interest on a fine or restitution of more than \$2,500, unless the court waives interest or unless the fine or restitution is paid in full before the fifteenth (15th) day after the date of the judgment under 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f)(1). Payments may be subject to penalties for default and delinquency under 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g). Interest and penalties pertaining to restitution, however, are not applicable for offenses completed before April 24, 1996. Assessments, restitution, fines, penalties, and costs must be paid by certified check or money order made payable to "Clerk, U.S. District Court." Each certified check or money order must include the case name and number. Payments must be delivered to:

United States District Court, Central District of California  
Attn: Fiscal Department  
255 East Temple Street, Room 1178  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

or such other address as the Court may in future direct.

If all or any portion of a fine or restitution ordered remains unpaid after the termination of supervision, the defendant must pay the balance as directed by the United States Attorney's Office. 18 U.S.C. § 3613.

The defendant must notify the United States Attorney within thirty (30) days of any change in the defendant's mailing address or residence address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments are paid in full. 18 U.S.C. § 3612(b)(1)(F).

The defendant must notify the Court (through the Probation Office) and the United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances that might affect the defendant's ability to pay a fine or restitution, as required by 18 U.S.C. § 3664(k). The Court may also accept such notification from the government or the victim, and may, on its own motion or that of a party or the victim, adjust the manner of payment of a fine or restitution under 18 U.S.C. § 3664(k). See also 18 U.S.C. § 3572(d)(3) and for probation 18 U.S.C. § 3563(a)(7).

Payments will be applied in the following order:

1. Special assessments under 18 U.S.C. § 3013;
2. Restitution, in this sequence (under 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid):
  - Non-federal victims (individual and corporate),
  - Providers of compensation to non-federal victims,
  - The United States as victim;
3. Fine;
4. Community restitution, under 18 U.S.C. § 3663(c); and
5. Other penalties and costs.

#### **CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND SUPERVISED RELEASE PERTAINING TO FINANCIAL SANCTIONS**

As directed by the Probation Officer, the defendant must provide to the Probation Officer: (1) a signed release authorizing credit report inquiries; (2) federal and state income tax returns or a signed release authorizing their disclosure and (3) an accurate financial statement, with supporting documentation as to all assets, income and expenses of the defendant. In addition, the defendant must not apply for any loan or open any line of credit without prior approval of the Probation Officer.

When supervision begins, and at any time thereafter upon request of the Probation Officer, the defendant must produce to the Probation and Pretrial Services Office records of all bank or investments accounts to which the defendant has access, including any business or trust accounts. Thereafter, for the term of supervision, the defendant must notify and receive approval of the Probation Office in advance of opening a new account or modifying or closing an existing one, including adding or deleting signatories; changing the account number or name, address, or other identifying information affiliated with the account; or any other modification. If the Probation Office approves the new account, modification or closing, the defendant must give the Probation Officer all related account records within 10 days of opening, modifying or closing the account. The defendant must not direct or ask anyone else to open or maintain any account on the defendant's behalf.

The defendant must not transfer, sell, give away, or otherwise convey any asset with a fair market value in excess of \$500 without approval of the Probation Officer until all financial obligations imposed by the Court have been satisfied in full.

These conditions are in addition to any other conditions imposed by this judgment.

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**RETURN**

I have executed the within Judgment and Commitment as follows:

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant noted on appeal on \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant released on \_\_\_\_\_

Mandate issued on \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant's appeal determined on \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_

the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons, with a certified copy of the within Judgment and Commitment.

United States Marshal

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Marshal**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby attest and certify this date that the foregoing document is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in my office, and in my legal custody.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Filed Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk**FOR U.S. PROBATION OFFICE USE ONLY**

Upon a finding of violation of probation or supervised release, I understand that the court may (1) revoke supervision, (2) extend the term of supervision, and/or (3) modify the conditions of supervision.

These conditions have been read to me. I fully understand the conditions and have been provided a copy of them.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
U. S. Probation Officer/Designated Witness\_\_\_\_\_  
Date